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Southern section of the proposal affecting Farmoor and Cumnor .

If interested parties were to miss a dead line, their submissions would simply not be taken into account. But it would seem that the developers are being treated under different rules.

As far as the Southern section of this proposal is concerned, it would mean total annihilation of the valley, of the green belt and the lung North of Cumnor and West of Botley, which is so important for people's wellbeing. for walks, for views and breathing space. It would not just be the solar panels but also the electric substation, right next to Farmoor Reservoir that would ensure a complete transformation into an industrial zone - and complete reversal of the rural character of the area - and so close to Oxford. The Green Belt is meant to be a GREEN BELT for a very good reason. Oxford is unique - why deliberately set out to ruin its environs??

This whole project seems to me to have been somehow cobbled together with little bits of land here and there (apart from the one larger area around Blenheim) strung somehow together over a very long distance, hence affecting a great many more people, countryside and villages and views than would normally be the case with a large, flat area, enclosed by hedges. The Southern section is completely overlooked on all sides of the valley and the impact would therefore be huge and detrimental to the whole area.

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